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TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Testimonial Resolution

National Career and Technical Education Month

February 1 – 28, 2019

- WHEREAS,** The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the quality of life, economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens and residents through Charter-mandated legislative functions; **and**
- WHEREAS,** February 1-28, 2019, has been designated **Career and Technical Education Month®** by the Association for Career and Technical Education; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness. Career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Leaders from business and industry nationwide, report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing career and technical education related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing and information technology; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in guaranteeing productivity among the business and industry communities, as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness. The Smith-Hughes Act, the first act of Congress to provide funding for career and technical education, was signed into law 101 years ago. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, supports the designation of February 1 – 28, 2019, as **Career and Technical Education Month**. We encourage all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community, and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.

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February 1 – 28, 2019

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*Testimonial Resolution***In Memoriam****AUDREY RUTH JOHNSON**

- WHEREAS,** We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late, **AUDREY RUTH JOHNSON** who was granted her angel wings on January 9, 2019; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **AUDREY RUTH PATTERSON** was born on May 14, 1929, in Warwood, West Virginia, to the late Robert Paul and Mary (Lawrence) Patterson. **AUDREY**, affectionately called "Ruth" by her family, was the youngest of her siblings. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age, under the tutelage of her father Robert, who was a deacon at Macedonia Baptist Church in Wheeling, West Virginia. At age sixteen, **AUDREY** graduated Valedictorian from Lincoln High School. After graduation she decided to relocate to Detroit, Michigan; **and**
- WHEREAS,** After working various jobs, **AUDREY** attended business school where she specialized in secretarial skills and data entry. She worked for Excellco Corporation and at the Secretary of State. After retiring, she remained active working several jobs, including at Marygrove College and Job Corps. A woman of strong faith, **AUDREY** was a dedicated, tithing member of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church for almost seventy years. She always attended church no matter where she found herself in life. **AUDREY** was an avid reader and had the memory of an elephant, especially when it came to scriptures and the Word of God. She was also a writer and developed sermon topics from thoughts and ideas she encountered from life and her reading of scriptures. The late Dr. Sampson would take **AUDREY'S** ideas and samponize them into pointed, pragmatic and powerful sermons. She taught the Men's Sunday class, substituted for Sunday school and taught the Dawn Seekers class. **AUDREY** used her secretarial skills at Tabernacle in the finance and job placement offices, assisting anywhere her skills could be utilized; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **AUDREY** enjoyed life. She was known as the classy Aunt and had a flair for fashion. **AUDREY** didn't mind sporting her leather pants, well into her eighties. Her fragrant scent of perfume was left behind wherever she visited. **AUDREY** loved many activities, including music, dancing, entertaining, going to the movie theater, attending plays, outings to the park, ice skating and roller skating. Of course that meant nieces and nephews had the opportunity to enjoy those activities with her. She loved to show the children in the family the finer things of life. Family and friends were important to **AUDREY**. If you were a niece or nephew running with **AUDREY**, you would be visiting family and friends homes regularly. She was the photographer of the family and always took time to show her photos and homemade videos at family gatherings. **AUDREY** would share anything she had. She had a great sense of humor and was always saying something funny; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **AUDREY** had no children of her own, but she had a special place in her heart for single mothers raising children. **AUDREY** did have the opportunity to adopt a son Jason when he was thirteen-years old, who lived with her for three years. He preceded her in death. Jason had two daughters, one son and a granddaughter whom **AUDREY** loved like her own. The lessons **AUDREY** taught, the example she set, the wisdom she imparted, made a significant impact in the lives of others. **AUDREY RUTH JOHNSON** has been a good servant and ensured that the values and traditions by which she lived, would exist in the hearts of those she cherished for years to come. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of Council President Brenda Jones, hereby extends our deepest sympathy and joins with family and friends to celebrate the life of **AUDREY RUTH JOHNSON**. She will be greatly missed.

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January 24, 2019

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RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

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MR. LARRY CUNNINGHAM

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late **MR. LARRY CUNNINGHAM**, a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend and member of the R&B vocal group, The Floaters. **MR. CUNNINGHAM** made his heavenly transition on January 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, **LARRY CUNNINGHAM** was born on June 23, 1951, in Talladega, Alabama, to the union of Robert and Ruth (Chatman) Cunningham. The family later relocated to Detroit, Michigan. **LARRY** accepted Christ at an early age at Worldwide Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Thornton. He received his education in the Hamtramck and Detroit Public Schools Community Districts, where he discovered his love for singing. **LARRY** competed in and won many school and local talent shows; and

WHEREAS, The Lord blessed **LARRY** with an angelic voice that allowed him to travel the world as part of the R&B group, The Floaters. The group started as a quartet in the early 70s and became a very popular club act in Detroit. Their first crossover single "Float On," was among the biggest-selling R&B singles of 1977 on ABC Records, reaching No. 1 on the U.S. Hot Soul Singles chart, No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, and No. 1 on the UK Singles chart. The hit single earned both gold and platinum certifications from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), selling over one million copies of their self-titled album, "The Floaters." The group's success led to performances on American Bandstand, Soul Train, the Apollo Theater and Carnegie Hall. In addition to his work with The Floaters, **LARRY** was active singing Gospel songs, such as his project from a few years ago, "Feels So Good" featuring Essence of Grace; and

WHEREAS, On May 28, 2006, **LARRY** was united in marriage with Sheryl Lynn Ivory in Muskegon, Michigan. The couple relocated to Tucson, Arizona. **LARRY CUNNINGHAM** lived a life most people can only dream of. He was preceded in death by his son, Anthony Lonnell Cunningham; his parents, Robert and Ruth Cunningham; brothers, Windell and Norvia (Not-Te) Cunningham; and sisters, Sharon Vernon and Karen Cunningham. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Sheryl Lynn Cunningham; children, Erica Simpson and Larry Cunningham II; stepson, Andre Scaife; grandchildren, Anthoniece Cunningham, Larry Cunningham III and Andriel Long; great-grandchildren, Ezil Roberts Jr. and Giovanni Long; sisters, Brenda Faye Williams and Teresa Barnes; brothers, Robert and Bruce Cunningham; one aunt, Margaret Chatman; two uncles, Deitrich Chatman and Arthur Cunningham; and a host of other relatives and friends. **MR. LARRY CUNNINGHAM** has been a good servant and ensured that the values and traditions by which he lived, would exist in the hearts of those he cherished for years to come. His legacy will live on and he will be greatly missed. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and office of Council President Brenda Jones, hereby extends our deepest sympathy and joins with family and friends to celebrate the life of **MR. LARRY CUNNINGHAM**.

Brenda Jones

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January 18, 2019

DATE

Testimonial Resolution

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In Memoriam

MRS. NEDRA ANN LUCAS

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late, **MRS. NEDRA LUCAS**, a beloved wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, Evangelist, and Executive Director of *The Mission: Prevention Education*. **MRS. NEDRA LUCAS** was granted her angel wings on January 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, A native of Detroit, Michigan, **NEDRA ANN LUCAS** was welcomed into the world on June 18, 1954. She was the sixth child born to the union of Mildred and Leroy Montgomery. **NEDRA** had ten brothers and sisters. She was preceded in death by three of her siblings: Leroy Jr., Prince and Darlene. **NEDRA** received her adolescent education in the Detroit Public Schools system. After graduating from Central High School, she began her career as a Care Specialist at Renaissance Health Care. She was also employed as a Counselor at Woodward Elementary School in Detroit and as an EMT/Security Officer at Motor City Casino. For several years, **NEDRA** served the City of Detroit and its citizens as an appointed member of the Property Assessment Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, Family meant everything to **NEDRA** and she was a devoted wife and loving mother. **NEDRA** and Richard Charles Lucas were united in marriage on January 31, 1998, and began their journey of eternal love. It was in this joyous union of twenty-one years that both partners found comfort and peace. **NEDRA'S** family legacy of love includes her mother, Mildred Montgomery; husband, Richard; sons, Prince, Delano, Richard and John; daughters, Tinae and Angela; brothers, James and Eddie; sisters, Sylvia, Bertha, Anastasia, Francellia and Edith; grandsons, Vinson, Robert and Richard Jr., and granddaughters, Brianna, Arianna, Anna, Ava and Even; and

WHEREAS, While working at Motor City Casino, **NEDRA** received a calling from God to pursue her true mission to serve God. Her intense passion and genuine concern for people led her to use her own money to rent an office and establish a non-profit organization, Health Brings Wealth. In 1998, she was contracted by the Detroit Board of Education to work with families who were struggling. Through Health Brings Wealth, **NEDRA** provided court-ordered classes and counseling services to families and adjudicated youth troubled by incidents of substance abuse. Although being a state licensed social services provider and licensed Evangelist enabled her to intellectualize what needed to be done, **NEDRA'S** personal experience told her what it would take to help families and individuals overcome the cycle and destruction of abuse. With over thirty years of experience in the field of human services, **NEDRA'S** natural abilities and talents took many forms: social program developer, writer and curriculum designer, fund developer, life coach, counselor and spiritual leader. In 2002, **NEDRA** once again used her personal funds to establish another non-profit "The Mission: Prevention Education." The organization targeted its services to assist families and individuals victimized by domestic violence. As a result of The Mission's leadership and its volunteer's dedication and passion for service, the organization received many honor and accolades. Through the years, **NEDRA** empowered and impacted the lives of over 12,000 residents in the metropolitan Detroit area; and

WHEREAS, **NEDRA LUCAS** loved God and was a woman of strong faith. She embraced life and loved unconditionally, always showing compassion, kindness and concern for others. Her love was felt by many. The example she set, the wisdom she imparted, made a significant impact in the lives of others. **MRS. NEDRA ANN LUCAS** has been a good servant and ensured that her impact would be forever embedded in the hearts of those she cherished for years to come. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and office of Council President Brenda Jones, hereby extends our deepest sympathy and joins with family and friends to celebrate the life of **MRS. NEDRA ANN LUCAS**. She was a precious gift to humanity and her warm and loving spirit will be missed, but never forgotten.

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RESOLUTION



In Memoriam

NANCY ANN ALLEN***September 12, 1937 – January 8, 2019***

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- WHEREAS,** Nancy Ann Allen, eldest daughter of Pressley and Hattie Green, started life on September 12, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan. Nancy became involved with the March of Dimes, where she regularly volunteered in many roles including Chair of the Annual Fashion Extravaganza which earned her the Violet T. Lewis Award. After graduating from Northwestern High School, she attended Eastern Michigan University, and graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in dietetics; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Nancy worked in various capacities for the City of Detroit from Administrator for the Detroit Historical District Commission, to Director of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History where she was appointed by Mayor Coleman Young as the first Director. After the devastating Riots of 1967, Nancy was instrumental in the reconstruction of the 12th Street area, helping develop the Virginia Park Community Plaza that is still in operation today. She wrote and produced a documentary about the reconstruction entitled "Out of the Ashes" that aired on PBS In 2011, Mayor Bing appointed her to the Detroit Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors, where she served until her untimely death; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Nancy retired from the City of Detroit as Chief Developer in 1997. She received many recognitions over the years including "Who's Who in Economic Development", "Who's Who's in Black Detroit", "Spirit of Detroit" and the Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation. In 1994, she was featured in the book "Untold Tales, Unsung Heroes." Nancy was a devoted member of Mayflower Congregational United Church of Christ. She served faithfully for 34 years in several capacities including Church Treasurer, Women's Day Chairperson, and on the Archives and Higher Education Committees. She was a dedicated and active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for over 60 years. She was a founding member of the Detroit Chapter of For Women Only (FWO); **and**
- WHEREAS,** Nancy built a wonderful life with her husband of 50 years, the late Judge Alex J. Allen, Jr. She is survived by her three loving sons, Alex III (Sonja), Michael (Phoenicia Jones) and Derek (Gloria); her beloved grandchildren: Michael Jr, Marbrian, Jaylan, Alex IV, Noah, Kyle, Sophia, and Mykah; her great grand children Zyonne, Yazir, Xzade, Nora and Eden; two loving sisters: Judith Reasonover and Carolyn McClendon (Charles); her Aunt Margaret Rudolph, a dear cousin Betty Howard; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, many dear friends.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield**, wishes to take this resolution endure as a permanent record of respect and admiration, and that a suitably-enrolled copy be presented to the family of **Nancy Ann Allen**.


 PRESIDENT PRO TEM

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January 25, 2019

DATE